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MUST HAVE PRIMA FACIE CASE

Congressman Samuel D. Fess of Ohio, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, is of the opinion that the republicans of the next house will give little encouragement to the claims of Republican contestants for Democratic seats unless the claimants can establish a prima facie case in their behalf. He called attention to the fact that the Republicans will have a large majority in the next house, and do not want to be accused of using floor power arbitrarily. Contests are pending in a number of southern districts where there was but a small plurality in favor of the Democratic candidates. In one of those cases in North Carolina the Republican contestant made out such a strong argument that Mr. Fess advanced him a loan from the congressional committee to aid in the prosecution of his claim. It is understood that if other cases of similar merit are developed further aid will be forthcoming.

BROKE A WILSON SQUARE

One of the recently elected members of congress who has had a wide and valuable experience is Roy C. Woodruff of Michigan. Mr. Woodruff, or rather Major Woodruff, is a first class fighting man. He served in a Michigan regiment in the Spanish-American war and was in action at San Diego. Although over the draft age, he enlisted for the world war was commissioned a first lieutenant and worked his way up to major, serving 11 months in France. Woodruff was a printer for eight years following completion of his high school education, studied and practiced dentistry, served as mayor of Bay City, Michigan, in 1911-12, and was elected to the sixty-third congress as a progressive in the elections of 1912. Following demobilization after the armistice, Woodruff went back to Europe and visited eight different countries studying economic and other conditions. He was elected to the next congress on the Republican ticket with a majority of 30,000.

SLIP-SHOD CONFERENCES

It is understood at the capitol that the international communications conference will soon reconvene in another attempt to reach an agreement. Copies of the proceedings at the Paris peace conference have been laid before the senate foreign relations committee by the state department. Several members of the committee declare that no formal agreement was signed relating to the disposition of Yap. The records are said to be very loosely drawn up, one senator describing the conference between Mr. Wilson and the allied premiers as "slipshod." Yap is the center of cable communications in the Pacific and a vital point in our line to the Philippines. It is the contention of the United States that it should be internationalized rather than allocated to Japan.

AN UN-AMERICAN MEASURE

There are already enough prohibition laws in effect without enacting the proposed bill which would compel county sheriffs and district attorneys to personally investigate every whispered liquor complaint or be subject to presumptive removal from office. The principle of enacting more laws to enforce those already in effect is bad enough, but it becomes even more intolerable when it is proposed to require public officials to make such investigations and prosecutions and then exempt the informer from appearing as a witness.

As a means of persecution such a law would stand almost without a rival. It would enable every misbegotten person in a community to spy and cast suspicion upon his neighbors and would bring local peace officials into universal contempt if they attempted to carry out its provisions. The argument advanced that such a law would serve as a "clash" to make delinquent officials perform their duties is not worthy of respect when one considers how far-reaching and mischievous it would probably become.

That section of the proposed act which would require the state officials to request the deportation of any alien convicted of illegal traffic in liquor is not objectionable, but its other provisions are so un-American that they should never get out of committee. Reno Gazette.

TRYING TO GET TOGETHER

There will be no more railroad strikes if both sides live up to the friendly spirit of the agreement, says a Pennsylvania railroad official concerning the arrangement arrived at for the adjustment of differences. It is to be hoped that the Pennsylvania system has succeeded in perfecting a plan that will successfully avoid strikes and attain justice to all concerned. But however that may be, the situation as to the country in general is not changed. The nation should not be expected to rely upon hopes that both sides will live up to the friendly spirit of a private agreement.

Railroads are public utilities. The public depends upon them for its daily bread. The public pays the freight. It is entitled, therefore, to know that there will be no interruption of traffic or, if there is interruption, that the persons responsible therefore will be punished the same as persons guilty of any other violation of public rights.

The Pennsylvania officials and the Pennsylvania employees are deserving of credit for their effort to get together in an amicable arrangement, but the fact remains that the arrangement is by no means dependable. There have been specific and direct threats of railroad strikes of such a character as to tie up the entire transportation system of the country. Although such a strike is not a probability, it is a possibility, and if undertaken, would not be in violation of any present law.

Protection of the rights of the public require the enactment of a law as proposed in the Cummins strike bill, and now presented in the Poinsett anti-strike bill, making it unlawful for two or more persons to interfere or conspire to interfere with interstate commerce. The right of any individual to quit at any time should be preserved, and is reserved in the bill now pending, but the right of the public to continuous transportation should also be protected from destruction as an incident to the settlement of a quarrel between employers and employees of the roads.

ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRY

Arizona and California growers of long-staple cotton have become alarmed at the heavy imports of this article from Egypt and are urgently requesting that congress take some action in the matter which will curb imports. "We raised 170,000 acres of the finest long-staple cotton in the world in the famous Salt River valley last year," declares Frank R. Stewart of Phoenix, Arizona, "but I am afraid because of the admission of Egyptian cotton duty free the acreage will be cut down next year and the farmers will turn to more diversified crops. We paid labor \$4 a day for chopping cotton and 4 cents a pound for picking it, against wages of 20 cents a day for chopping and 14 cents a pound for picking paid in Egypt. The Imperial Valley growers in southern California will join with us in the fight for an equalizing tariff. The mill owners admit that our cotton is a finer grade and of longer staple than the Egyptian, and this superior grade should be protected in order that the United States may have the best."

Prior to the world war we were importing this long-staple cotton at the rate of 10,000,000 pounds monthly. Today it is coming in at the rate of 30,000,000 pounds a month, about 70 per cent of it coming from Egypt, the remainder from Mexico, Peru, China and British India. There is considerable of this long-staple raised in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, and the growers there are likewise greatly hampered because of our large importation. It is highly probable that the industry will receive the attention to which it is entitled in the forthcoming revision of the tariff by the Republican party.

SENTIMENT OF JAPS TOWARD U. S. FRIENDLY

(By Associated Press)
 HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 11.—Anti-American sentiment in Japan, except among certain sections of college professors, students and politicians, is dwindling, according to Professor T. Harada, Japanese professor in the University of Hawaii, who has just returned from a trip to Nippon. Professor Harada said: "I was agreeably surprised to find anti-American sentiment throughout Japan much less pronounced than when I was there last. Among the people the situation seems quiet and it is only among certain elements, particularly some professors, college students and some politicians, that an unfriendly attitude toward the United States is manifested."

NEW ERA IS BEGINNING IN HAWAII

(By Associated Press)
 HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 11.—That a new era has been begun which will affect not only the territory of Hawaii, but the relations of the United States and Japan as a whole, was the statement made by Lorrin A. Thurston, publisher of the Honolulu Commercial Advertiser and a Hawaiian-born American, at the recent opening of classes in the English language, American institutions and American ideals which are being attended by Japanese of the territory, principally teachers of Japanese language schools.

"This marks the beginning of a new era," said Mr. Thurston, "because it is the first attempt of the representatives of the two peoples of an entire community to get together and solve their differences by co-operation." Mr. H. B. Schwartz, field secretary of Japanese work of the Methodist Episcopal church in Hawaii, said: "Never has any such body of individuals voluntarily associated themselves to study the institutions, ideals and history of a country of which they are residents but not citizens."

The organization of the special classes for Japanese followed the passing by the recent special congress of a foreign language school bill, which limits Japanese and other language schools in the territory to one hour's instruction daily, six days a week, and places their teachers and textbooks under the supervision of the territorial department of public instruction. The passing of the bill, which was suggested by Japanese leaders in Honolulu, marked the close of a lengthy and sometimes acrimonious discussion on the whole subject of language schools.

SOVIET FAILED TO REALIZE AIMS

(By Associated Press)
 RIGA, Feb. 11.—The Soviet news paper Pravda, reviewing the year 1920, says the communists were unable to realize most of their practical aims because of the lack of both "people and means." It proposes a revision of the party constitution as a practical measure for the building up of the state. Reviewing the Soviet Russian foreign policy the Pravda recognizes that Esthonia and Latvia must be considered the Russian windows to western Europe. Any future war with the border states must be avoided, it says, as the last war with them was very difficult and entailed many sacrifices on the part of Soviet Russia. Other newspapers reprint rumors from the western European press regarding a concentration of troops on the Russian frontier and explain these rumors as the wish of the western European powers to initiate more trouble.

WANT HEIRLOOMS FOR PARLIAMENT

(By Associated Press)
 BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 11.—Negotiations are in progress to obtain the old Irish house of commons mace and speaker's chair for the new Ulster parliament. They are heirlooms of Lord Massereene at Antrim castle. The offer of the use of Belfast city hall as the temporary building for the new parliament will be accepted.

RAYMOND DE WAHA



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